Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 26 May 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 27 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 25 May 2023 at 16:49 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Friday and Saturday. High for dry and settled weather from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Friday 26 May 2023: Mostly cloudy with a little light rain at times

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 26 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Sunny	Cloudy	Cloudy	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability							
20%	30%	40%	40%	40%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Friday 26 May 2023

Weather: Cloud and drizzly rain will extend eastwards into western Argyll by the end of the night. Then, after a dry and bright start elsewhere, all parts will see a good deal of cloud through the day with some patchy light rain or drizzle, this chiefly along coastal ranges. There's a chance that cloud may thin and break across the coastal southwest of the area in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best inland first thing, and perhaps across southern Kintyre, Arran and Jura in the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Becoming widely poor in extensive low cloud down to 500 to 800 metres, and occasionally down to 200 metres across Mull and coastal Lochaber. Some occasional improvements across eastern Argyll and the Trossachs in the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	11/13 N	13/15 W	15/18 W	15/19 SW	14/19 SW	14/19 SW	13/17 W	16/21 SW	20/26 SW
900	6/7 NW	7/8 W	8/11 W	8/12 W	9/14 W	11/15 W	10/15 W	12/16 SW	15/20 SW
600	5/6 SW	7/8 SW	8/11 SW	10/14 SW	11/16 SW	12/17 SW	11/15 W	11/15 SW	15/21 SW
300	4/6 NE	3/4 SE	4/5 SE	6/9 W	7/11 W	7/12 SW	7/11 SW	6/10 SW	8/13 SW
Glen	5/9 NW	2/5 W	1/4 W	3/6 W	5/9 SW	7/12 SW	6/11 W	4/9 SW	6/13 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	2/-2	2/-3	2/-3	3/-1	5/1	6/2	6/2	5/0	4/-2
900	4/2	4/2	5/2	6/4	8/6	9/6	9/6	7/4	6/2
600	6/4	6/3	6/4	8/5	9/6	10/8	10/8	9/6	8/4
300	8/6	7/7	8/7	10/8	12/10	12/11	12/11	11/10	10/8
Glen	9/8	8/7	10/10	12/12	14/13	14/13	14/13	13/12	11/10
Freezing Level*	2200m	2200m	2200m	2500m	2500m	2500m	2300m	2100m	2100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Despite a bright start inland, widespread cloud by afternoon will lead to navigational difficulties.

Forecast for Saturday 27 May 2023

Weather: Much of the day will see a lot of low cloud together with occasional light rain, this mostly across Argyll and southern Lochaber. Dry and much brighter weather will spread southeastwards later in the afternoon and evening to leave a fine end to the day. Cold, strong and gusty westerly summits winds with notable wind chill.

Maximum wind: Westerly winds average speeds of 30 mph with gusts to 50 mph, speeds decreasing later in the day

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, best chance in the east and south of the area, and then more widely later in the day

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud down to 500 to 800 metres in the morning, this chiefly across the north and west of the area. Cloud breaking in the later afternoon and lifting off all but highest tops with much improved visibility. Still some patchy cloud above 900 metres.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 rising to 14 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius, falling to 4 Celsius later in the day
Freezing level: Above summits falling to 1100 metres later in the day

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